

THE EVENING NEWS.

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BENTON HARBOR, MICH., TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1898.

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CAUGHT THE FIRE!

Joint Resolution Introduced in Congress Declaring Cuban Independence.

Senator Mason Was Wildly Applauded in the Senate When He Made a Fiery Speech.

Spain Must Now Get Out of This Continent or Be Driven Out by the Sword.

Senator Rawlins Introduced a Resolution Declaring War on Spain.

Washington, March 29.—Congress means business and will not trifle with Spain.

President McKinley referred the matter to the legislative branch of the government and both houses assumed the responsibility as men who had been waiting for opportunity to act.

Senator Rawlins was the first man in the senate to secure recognition. He introduced a joint resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba and declaring war upon Spain.

Senator Fye of Maine followed with another resolution directing President

either to apologize or to make reparation for the destruction of the Maine. And even if it should do these things the sentiment of this country holds that it is now time to intervene and stop the Cuban butchery.

Times-Herald: It is said tonight that the president has done his whole duty and that the responsibility for action now rests on congress. The testimony is all submitted and there is nothing more for the president to do. If congress does not now act it is its own affair.

Some members would undoubtedly have preferred that the message should have contained a call to arms, but everyone knew that it would not do so. The morning papers had pretty well forecasted its contents, and it turned out to be what everyone expected—a clear cold recital of the facts, without prejudice or passion, ending with an appeal for deliberate consideration by congress.

Inter-Ocean: In his message to congress today President McKinley was careful not to acquit Spain of blowing up the Maine, or even express his confidence in Spain's sense of honor and justice. It is now apparent to many why the president made no demand for indemnity from Spain. He has presented the situation here and the facts as given in the report of the board of inquiry. The report does not quibble or leave in doubt the cause of the Maine disaster.

ALL ARE ARTISTS.

F. P. GRAVES APPOINTED A POLICEMAN.

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Niles, March 29.—The republicans of the second representative district of Berrien county met here today and nominated Carmi R. Smith of Niles to succeed Hon. E. S. Williams as a member of the legislature. Mr. Williams resigned to accept the Niles postoffice. Resolutions were heartily adopted endorsing Pingree's policy.

10 PER CENT.

SIZE OF THE FUTURE BANK DIVIDENDS.

E. F. Browne Has Been Examining the Affairs of the Broken Bank This Week.

Ed F. Browne, of Chicago, a National bank examiner has been in this city the past few days examining the books and records of Receiver Ainger of the first National bank. Mr. Browne has sent a report to the treasury department highly endorsing the work of the receiver.

Receiver Ainger is figuring on another dividend but the exact date cannot be given, though it will come sooner than it is expected. The dividend will be for 10 per cent, as will all the following payments. This will make shorter waits from one dividend to the next.

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Estate of Albion Smith, deceased. George F. Smith administrator, filed and settled his final accounts and distribution of said estate ordered.

Estate of Francis W. Howe, deceased. Petition filed for the appointment of William B. French as administrator of said estate. Hearing April 25 at 10 a. m.

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SENATOR MASON.

Wildly stirred the senate for war today

McKinley to drive the naval and military forces from Cuba.

Senator Foraker offered a resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba.

All of these resolutions were referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Before the resolutions were referred, however, Senator Mason of Illinois was on his feet and he made a vigorous speech for war, for American assertion of her rights and her honor, for the punishment of the murderers who killed our sailors and destroyed our ship. The speech was more vehement than the one he made a month ago. The first speech was calmly listened to, while the address today was wildly applauded. The senators believe that patience is no longer a virtue.

The populists and silver republicans of both houses held a conference today and it resulted in the resolutions presented by Allen in the senate and Bell in the house declaring for the independence of Cuba.

**THE MORNING PAPERS.**

**How They Look at the Maine Report.**

The Chicago Chronicle, under the heading, "President Condones Spanish Crime," says: Now that President McKinley has disposed of the Maine disaster by acquitting Spain of the destruction of our battleship and the murder of her crew, people are anxious to know what is to be the next step in his Cuban policy.

The city is ablaze with excitement tonight over the president's inglorious backdown in the Maine matter. The members of congress, the senators especially, are rapidly coming to the conclusion that the president has shown an utter incapacity to deal with the Cuban question.

Most of them are absolutely unable, on account of the intense indignation they feel, to express themselves as they would like regarding the situation.

The republican leaders in both houses of congress regret exceedingly that they did not take into their own hands the consideration of the Maine matter from the start. They feel they would not, at least, have made such a mess of it as the president has.

The Record: The matter of the Maine inquiry is now in the hands of congress, and what the temper of that body is every one knows. It seems at the present juncture that Mr. McKinley, acting under a legal and moral necessity, has fairly put the question of war into the hands of the legislative branch, though doubtless he has an agreement with the leaders of congress as to its course in the immediate future. There is a generally accepted notion that Spain will not consent



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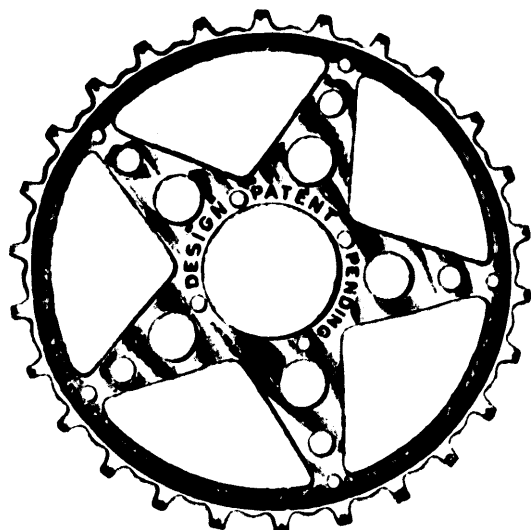
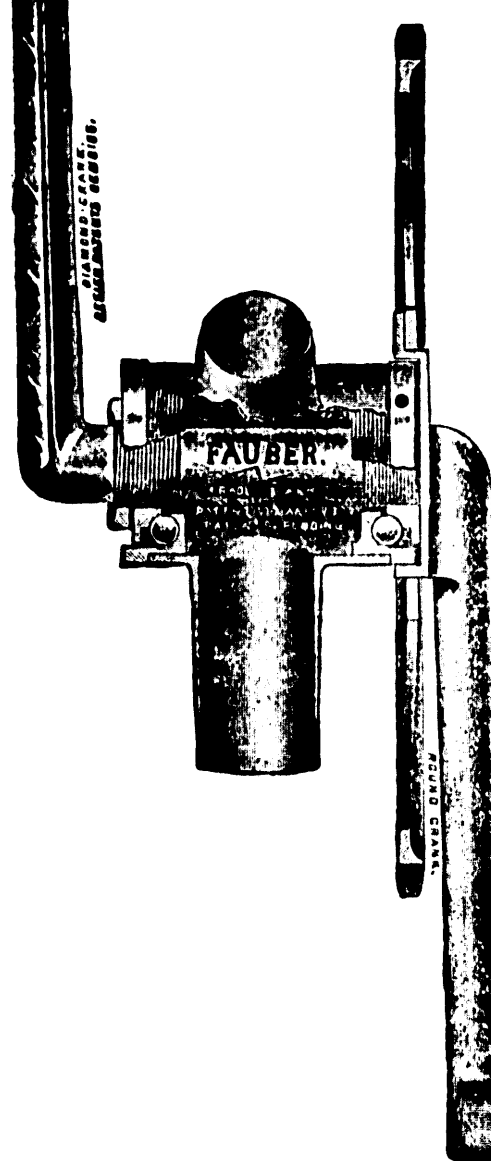
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### SPAIN APPEARS TO BE OBLIVIOUS.

Inclined to Make Concessions That Tend to Relax the Strain.

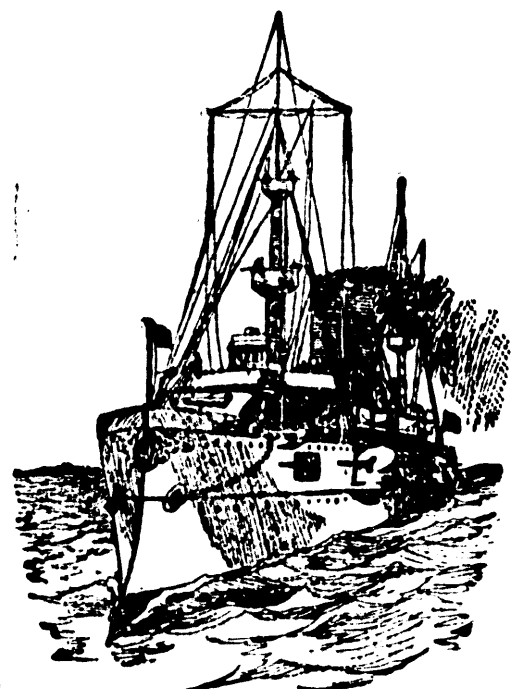
**Danger Point Not Passed, However—Reply of the Dons to McKinley's Latest Note Is at Hand and Is Firm—Meantime the Dogs of War Are Being Carefully Prepared for Emergencies—Congress Not Satisfied with the Message on the Maine—A Day of Important Phases.**

Washington, March 29.—Yesterday was one of action in every branch of official life, action in the White House, where the president and his cabinet advisers assembled in special cabinet session at 10:30 o'clock; action in both branches of congress, where the message of the president on the Maine disaster and the report and testimony of the court of inquiry were received; action in the secret conferences of state officials and diplomats concerning the latest phases of Spanish-American negotiation, and action in the war and navy departments, with the Spanish situation as the common purpose of all the varying aspects of official action. Seldom has a day been replete with so many diverse and important phases of a single subject.

**And Yet It All Means Peace.**  
And yet, throughout this activity, the prevailing tone, as received from administration sources, has been more reassuring, more in the line of peace than it has been for some days. This was the impression conveyed by cabinet officers after the special cabinet session. The same sentiment characterized the diplomatic conferences at the state department. But in congress, which afforded the greatest field for anti-Spanish and war-like expressions, a strain of discontent and uneasiness prevailed after the president's message and the Maine report were submitted, especially on the house side. The president's message submitting the Maine report and accompanying evidence was the main event of the day. Those who had anticipated that the message would contribute to the aggressive spirit were disappointed.

**No Surprises in the Message.**  
It contained no surprises. In the house of representatives the message and report were referred to the committee on foreign affairs, and Spanish debate was for the time being diverted. In the senate there was a similar reference to the committee on foreign relations, and Money of Mississippi delivering a brief and energetic speech picturing the woes of Cuba. The special cabinet session was held to go over the president's message and more particularly to consider the latest developments in the negotiations now proceeding with Spain. These had assumed a wide field, embracing not only the Maine question, but the entire Cuban problem.

**Spain's Reply Was in Hand.**  
The answer of Spain was in hand to the firm note sent through Minister Woodford last week stating that the condition of Cuban affairs had become so intolerable that the United States could not much longer remain inactive toward it. The general tone of the Spanish answer impressed the president and cabinet officers most favorably, so



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much so that after the meeting it was stated by members that the outlook was far more assuring, and that Spain had shown such a conciliatory tone that it was believed she would make concessions sufficient to permit an amicable adjustment of the present strained relations. This was qualified, however, by the statement that the danger point has not yet passed, and that war—while no longer a probability—was yet a possibility.

**PRESIDENT HOPES FOR PEACE.**  
But His Hopes May Be Dashed by Action of Congress.

The president has distinctly disclosed to his cabinet associates his purpose to avert war, if it was possible with a just solution of the Cuban problem, and he had felt from the disposition manifested by Spain that this just solution could be reached. This, however, is without considering congress, which may, now that the subject is formally before it, take some radical action. Meantime, at the state department, cablegrams were being received from Minister Woodford, and the Spanish minister, Senor Polo, was in lengthy conference with Judge Day as to the prospective adjustment. The meeting between the Spanish minister and Judge Day came after the cabinet conference, so that such representation as Spain submitted through him did not get before the cabinet. At least two of these new phases submitted by the minister were of exceeding importance. The Spanish government made it known that no objection would be made to the immediate removal of the United States

States government in extending relief to the sufferers in Cuba on a far greater scale than hitherto had been contemplated.

On the contrary, Spain has made known that it recognizes the humane purposes animating this country, and that it does not doubt that these purposes will be executed in such a way as to avoid all opportunities for friction. It is not expected that the relief will be carried in warships, as this would introduce a political aspect into a project which is purely humane. This acquiescence by Spain clears the way for the president's message of the next few days, asking a large appropriation for the relief of the destitution in Cuba. It had been feared that this relief, given directly by the United States government, would be resented by Spain as indirect intervention. In that event there is little reason to doubt that the relief would have been forwarded at any cost—even the cost of war—as the administration has felt that a war in behalf of a humane object would command the universal approbation of the world.

Another important Spanish document which reached the government during the day was the abstract of the report of the Spanish naval commission which investigated the destruction of the Maine. It is the only answer Spain has thus far made to the action of this government in submitting to Spain the findings of the American court. The conclusions reached by the Spanish commission are directly the opposite of those of the American court. No demands



THE HOLLAND SUBMARINE BOAT.

have been made in connection with the Maine, and therefore there is no response beyond the submission of the Spanish report.

Following the call of the Spanish minister at the state department the French ambassador, M. Cambon, had a conference with Judge Day. This renewed the talk of European mediation, which is assuming tangible form. The speech of Premier Hanotaux in the Paris chamber last Saturday is looked upon as foreshadowing at least sympathy, if not direct steps, toward mediation by France and other continental powers. There is good reason to believe Spain is ready and anxious for this move, and has been encouraging it at the European capitals. It would not be an offensive intrusion, but more a friendly offer to mediate the differences which have recently threatened to terminate in war between the United States and Spain. It is understood, however, that up to the present time M. Cambon has not received any definite instructions to take the initial step in such mediation.

At the war and navy departments the stir of preparations continued as usual. The navy department made plans for a "mosquito fleet" to be composed of tugs and steam yachts recently purchased and armed as an auxiliary fleet. The war department made numerous shifts in the location of troops in the west with a view to their speedy concentration, and generally did a big business in war preparations.

### ACCUSES A DEAD STATESMAN.

**Money Charges Canovas with an Attempt to Starve a Whole People.**

Washington, March 29.—A scene of intense interest was presented in the senate when the president's message transmitting the findings of the Maine court of inquiry was received. The galleries were packed to the doors and the attendance of senators was quite as large as it has been at any time during the present session. Eager to ascertain the full findings of the court, scores of members of the house, after the adjournment of that body, had hurried to the senate chamber and the floor was crowded with them. When the reading of the president's message was begun a hush so marked fell over the chamber that one might have heard a pin fall. Throughout the reading of the message and the findings of the court there was not the slightest demonstration.

Following closely upon the reading of the message came the speech of Money of Mississippi, upon his recent observations in Cuba, and the deduction from them which he had made. He spoke extemporaneously, and declared that reconstruction in Cuba had been planned by Canovas—the Spanish premier preceding Sagasta and who was assassinated—and planned with the deliberate purpose of starving to death the population which had refused to be governed by Spain. When the death of Representative Simpkins, of Massachusetts, was announced the senate adjourned.

The reading of the president's message in the house yesterday was listened to with breathless interest by the members and the spectators in the galleries, which were crowded in like sardines in a box. Just one wave of applause swept from floor to ceiling, and then the death of Representative Simpkins, of Massachusetts, was announced and the house adjourned.

**UNKNOWN WITNESS GIVES TESTIMONY**  
Name Is Kept Secret by Agreement of the Board of Inquiry.

Washington, March 29.—The immense mass of testimony taken by the Maine court of inquiry was sent to the senate yesterday, and with the president's message and findings of the court, referred to the committee on foreign relations. The testimony was taken on eighteen different days, the fourteenth day, however, being devoted to viewing the wreck. Every witness who was known to have any information that

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### HIS VISIT TO THE EAST.

Comparing Normal Schools of New York With Our Own—Pingree Needed in New York.

Albany, N. Y., March 28.—EDITOR EVENING NEWS: After a meeting of the state board of education at Ypsilanti on Friday, March 25, Hon. J. S. Simmons of Owosso and myself went to Detroit and took a sleeper for Buffalo on Friday evening, over the Michigan Central. There was nothing to disturb our slumbers except the occasional snores of other occupants of our sleeper and the screeching of other trains in close proximity to our own. We arose at 5 a. m., on Saturday at Falls View and saw the water dash over the falls at a rapid rate, sending the spray high in the air, and there settle as mist or rain. I do not know as I should go into ecstasies over the grandeur of the scene as I did not stay long enough perhaps to find the best location for viewing the scenery.

Arriving at Buffalo in time for breakfast and spending the forenoon in looking up what we could as far as normal schools are concerned, we left Buffalo at 1 p. m., on the Empire state express over the New York Central for Albany. This train makes but three stops during the three hundred mile trip to Albany. A test was made as to rapidity and it was found to make several miles in succession at the rate of a mile in forty seconds. The train did not even stop to take water, but would slow up and by throwing down a spout would take the water from a sort of trough running parallel to the road.

We passed down the beautiful Mohawk valley from Utica and the scenery here was grand. The Erie canal runs along by this road and gangs of men were noticed here and there, at work putting it in shape. About sixteen million is being expended. It is said that every twenty-four or twenty-five men have four or five superintendents over them. The funny part is that the republicans passed the appropriation and that the contractors are democrats. How do you account for this? Perhaps some of our silver friends can answer. One faction say it is an excellent piece of legislation for keeping freight rates where they belong, another faction say it is a steal, and that another appropriation will be made so that "the fellows" can get more out of it.

Buffalo and Albany are busy places. Monday forenoon was spent in looking over the Albany Normal college and in making comparisons with our own.

Monday afternoon was spent in visiting the "Tammany Braves" at the capitol. If all we hear is true about the legislatures being in league with railroads and corruptionists surely New York needs even more than one Pingree to place matters in their proper light. Fare over the New York Central is two cents a mile and it is said by those interested in keeping up the canal that it should be a quarter of a cent a mile.

The capitol building at Albany cost about twenty three million, built almost entirely of granite. It is certainly a very imposing building. Tuesday we shall go down by train to West Point and see how Uncle Sam prepares for war. If we get the necessary permission from Secretary Alger we expect to go on board a man of war at New York. Our stay at West Point will be short, about two or three hours. We shall take the boat down the Hudson from West Point and after visiting New York college we shall visit the public schools at Elizabeth, New Jersey, where the lock step system is not in vogue. We shall take the Lehigh Valley system back to Buffalo through Pennsylvania and thence by the Lake Shore home.

There is much war talk here and if the people could have their say they would soon wipe Spain out of Cuba.

William McKinley is much praised and all parties are eager to support him and see that justice is done in the cause of Cuba. E. A. WILSON.

### AVOID DECEPTION.

Ask for the Popular and Reliable Diamond Dyes.

Do not be lead away by the false claims of imitators. No other dyes in the world can equal the Diamond Dyes. They are fully warranted to color more goods, package for package, and give more brilliant and durable colors than can be gotten by any other dye-stuffs. The claims of makers of adulterated dye-stuffs and of colors that are made up of a very small amount of poor dye can only lead to disappointment and the utter ruin of valuable and serviceable materials. Many women, for the sake of curiosity, have tried some of the imitation makes of dyes, and are now quite satisfied that Diamond Dyes alone are worthy of admittance to the home as true agents of economy. We say again, do not be deceived by the statements of any dealer: ask for Diamond Dyes and take no other make. Diamond Dyes delight the users and make the family happy.

### DEATH OF WALTER HOPPE.

Teacher and Pupils of Boynton School Pass Resolutions.

The funeral of Walter Hoppe was largely attended. A long procession of friends and relatives followed him to the grave. There was a profusion of beautiful flowers, the white lilies being especially beautiful. It seemed sad to bury one so young when all nature seemed wakening to life and the birds had returned with their sweet songs. The family desire to express their sincere thanks to all the friends and neighbors during his illness and death also to the pupils and teacher of the Boynton school and Royal Neighbors for their kindness, to those who sang we also render our heartfelt thanks.

Our loved one for a little while was lent not given. The Saviour took him in his tender arms to turn our thoughts to heaven.

MR. AND MRS. CHAS. HOPPE AND FAMILY.

On learning of the death of Walter Hoppe, the pupils and teacher of the school of which he was recently a member adopted the following resolution as a mark of their esteem for their departed schoolmate:

Resolved, That we, the teacher and pupils of the Boynton school, hereby express our heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved parents, brothers and sisters of Walter, our highly esteemed schoolmate, who has been removed from our midst by the relentless hand of death. He was a faithful student, an obedient pupil and a true friend.

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### EASTER MARKET.

Novel Entertainment to be Given by Episcopal Ladies.

The Easter Market to be held April 11 and 12, at Conkey's hall, under the auspices of Holy Trinity Guild, is in process of development and promises to be an unique and most entertaining affair, with attractions calculated to cater to a variety of tastes. In addition to a well stocked booth of saleable articles, embracing all grades of utility from the simply useful to the exquisitely beautiful. There will be the lace exhibit which will afford the opportunity of a life perhaps of seeing a collection of this fine artistic handicraft, among which are numbered a specimen of Cromwell's licensed decoration. Other exhibits are in contemplation but arrangements not yet completed. On Monday, April 11, an epicurean supper will be served with chaffing dish daintiness by cooks of no common quality.

The laughter loving may save their strength for the second evening, when the mirth provoking minstrels will un-cork their vials of wittolisms and set their music boxes to vocalizing. Good music will be furnished each evening to enhance the enjoyment of these social hours. Come and see. April fooling strictly forbidden.

## ANN ARBOR AFIRE.

TWO THOUSAND STUDENTS OFFER THEIR SERVICES.

B. G. Ewald of This City Vividly Describes the Patriotic Scene Saturday Night.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Saturday, March 26.—EDITOR EVENING NEWS: Believing that it may be of interest to the readers of THE EVENING NEWS I send you this brief account of demonstration here this evening.

At last the students here have awakened from their lethargy and have shown that the old-time fire and spirit was not dead but only slumbering. It has been such an evening as the people of Ann Arbor have not witnessed since 1861 when the call for men came and students of this university were among the first to volunteer.

At 8:30 a crowd of students filled with patriotism and resentment against Spanish atrocities gathered in front of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and amid cheers and shouts burned in effigy, Weyler, above whose head floated the Spanish banner. Then speeches by several of the students and one also by ex-Representative Sawyer of this district amid the repeated firings of a cannon raised their enthusiasm to such a degree that they decided to send a dispatch to President McKinley, offering their services. So to the beat of the drum, the whole body of students over one thousand strong, marched through the streets to the telegraph office, while business was held in check and patriotic citizens cheered them on. Hats flew wildly through the air, handkerchiefs fluttered in the breeze, and aged veterans unfurled their tattered banners.

Soon the following messages were on their way to Washington:

To President McKinley: We, the students of Michigan University hereby endorse the policy of the present administration and can furnish two thousand men for service.

To Secretary Alger: Two thousand students stand ready to enlist in case of an emergency.

From here the crowd with ever increasing numbers hurried away to the campus carrying with them as they went whatever inflammable material they could secure. Soon the flames were darting upward and throwing a ghastly light on the faces of the wild and enthusiastic throng.

Although now the burning embers are dying, yet the fire kindled in the breasts of those present will not be extinguished until cruel oppression shall cease and Cuba shall obtain the freedom she has long deserved.

A VOLUNTEER.

### ABOUT THE STATE.

The ice has been driven out of Green Bay.

The straits of Mackinaw were opened Sunday morning, the earliest of any season for 63 years.

Congressman Hamilton secured two pensions Monday. Mrs. Sophia Werwe, Three Oaks, \$8, from November 4, 1891. Mrs. Melissa Wilson, Allegan, \$12, from September 27, 1897.

A project has been started to build an electric road from Grand Rapids to Lake Michigan through Holland.

Rev. Charles Legal, the Universalist pastor at Lansing, is against half fare permits. He says they pauperize the clergy.

Three students at the university tore up a part of the Ann Arbor sidewalks Saturday night at the patriotic bonfire in defiance of Spain and they slept in jail for their outbreak of patriotism.

Governor Pingree can now be expected to declare war on the Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western railroad. Yesterday Major Frank Baldwin of the Fifth United States Infantry boarded a train at Detroit on his way to visit the governor. He lost his ticket and the conductor required him to pay full fare. A few minutes afterward the officer found the missing ticket and presented it to the conductor. That official told him the money could not be refunded and the angry officer then tore the card into pieces and threw it into the conductor's face. He had a tale of woe to tell the governor who was a sympathetic listener.

### A BOOK SOCIAL.

It Will Be Held at Universalist Church Tomorrow Night.

A Book social will be held at the First Universalist church tomorrow evening under the auspices of the Y. P. C. U. A feature of the interesting program will be the representation by different persons of various books, the representations to be so plain that they can readily be guessed.

Following is the program: Voluntary; vocal solo, Mr. Kneeland; book, Ethel Bastar; book, Zuma Soule; book, Harry Plummer and Bernita Allen; recitation, Georgia Morrow; book, Mr. De Bour; book, Bert Bowman; violin solo, Bernice Morehouse; book, Connie Hood, Coralya Bass, Blanche Price; guitar solo, Charles Gatchell; book, Lawrence Kieaby, Georgia Morrow, Mrs. Soule; vocal solo, Mrs. Gatchell; book, Kittie Schier, Bell and Lewis Burridge, Mr. Sahlin.

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| Good Bak. Powder, cup, saucer and plate, 25c lb. |                    |
| Golden C sugar,                                  | 25 lbs. for \$1 00 |
| 20 lbs. Extra C Sugar                            | 1 00               |
| Raisins,                                         | 5c lb.             |
| 4 lb. package Gold Dust                          | 15c                |
| 5 lbs. Rice                                      | 25c                |
| 6 cans Sardines                                  | 25c                |
| 2 packages Washing Powder                        | 5c                 |
| 4 lbs. Cottolene                                 | 25c                |
| Baker's Chocolate                                | 19c                |
| 8 bars Santa Claus Soap                          | 25c                |
| 9 bars Jaxon Soap                                | 25c                |
| 10 bars Calumet Soap                             | 25c                |
| Dates, per lb.                                   | 8c                 |

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### LOCAL BREVITIES.

MRS. W. Hayden is much better. DON'T forget to register next Saturday.

Y. M. C. A. SOCIAL at Higbee House tomorrow night.

PATRICOLE at the Congregational church this evening.

Miss Lucy Engleman is ill at her home, Highland avenue.

A BOOK social at the Universalist church tomorrow evening.

C. J. PECK is riding a '98 Rambler purchased yesterday of O. E. Fifield.

ON another page will be found the complete findings of the board of inquiry.

SAMUEL Hammond, who has been ill for the past four months, is gradually failing.

THE Columbia restaurant, B. Vandecar proprietor, will be open for business the last of this week.

A CUSTARD pie social at the A. M. E church tonight. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

MISS Hester Dalrymple left this morning for Chicago where she will buy her stock of spring millinery goods.

REV. George A. Sahlin will deliver his lecture on Cuba and the United States navy at Grand Junction this evening.

MRS. Pat Yore received a letter from her son George, today, who is at Sheep Camp, Alaska, making \$40 to \$50 per day teaming.

ATTORNEYS George W. Bridgman and A. P. Cady are in Grand Rapids today before the United States court in the tunnel railroad case.

THE Alger Guard will hold a squad drill tonight for the benefit of new members. Regular drill tomorrow evening and if the weather permits the boys will appear on the streets.

ALTHOUGH the advance sale of seats for Patricole far exceeded expectations yet most any seat in the church is good and you can get a good seat when you pay at the door. Doors open at 7:30. Concert begins at 8 o'clock.

ED Mahoney, son of James Mahoney, while playing with other boys this morning was tripped up and broke his arm. Dr. Tutton attended him. Ed broke the same arm about six weeks ago two or three inches from the place of the present fracture.

C. J. BROWN is moving the Soule grocery stock to his store at 114 East Main street. W. G. Newland, the owner of the building from where the goods are being removed, will remodel and beautify the building so that the public will not recognize it as the same place.

THERE have been several large boats launched in this city, a few of them being the Lora, Puritan, Louisville and Mabel Bradshaw. Last week the steamer H. W. Williams was launched by Contractor J. M. Allmendinger and men who know pronounced it one of the prettiest launches ever made in the city.

THE Misses Dalrymple will have their annual spring opening of millinery goods next Friday. These ladies have spared neither pains nor expense in obtaining the very latest styles in ladies' headwear for the spring and summer of '98, and invite the ladies of the twin cities to be present at their opening, an announcement of which appears in another column.

Never Worry.—Take them and go about your business—they do their work whilst you are doing yours. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills are system renovators, blood purifiers and builders; every gland and tissue in the whole anatomy is benefited and stimulated in the use of them. 40 doses in a vial, 10 cents. Sold by Geo. M. Bell & Co.—76.

Advertised Letters.  
List of unclaimed letters remaining in this office for the week ending March 29, 1898:

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| LADIES               | GENTLEMEN           |
| Arland, Mrs. Jennie  | Kent, Mr. F.        |
| Babcock, Mrs. Arthur | La P. eur, Mr. L.   |
| Hart, Mrs. Orlando   | Likes, Mr. E. W.    |
|                      | Martin, Mr. William |
|                      | Ruess, Mr. Wm       |
|                      | Spangler, Wm        |
|                      | Smith, Mr. Sam      |
|                      | Willows, A. L. 2    |

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"Glasses fitted by Dr. Antisdale fit."

On March 30 and 31 Big Four railway will sell excursion tickets to Kokomo, Ind., and return for one fare for round trip, with final return limit April 3. L. G. SMITH, Agent

### CARPET CLEANING.

Having leased the steam carpet works we are now prepared to do the carpet and chenille curtain renovating of the twin cities and we kindly ask the ladies to help us to make this one of the best places of its kind in the state where you can always be sure of having your work well and promptly done. Carpets taken up, cleaned and laid if you wish it. Dyeing of all kinds. Address Star Cleaning company, 110 Pipestone street. Phone, 280.

Smoke "Columbia" cigar, 5c.

### DEMAND FOR COPPER KING.

Selling Copper Stock at Long Range.

George M. Thresher states that among his orders for copper stock the past week was an order for 300 shares for Cleveland, a telegraph order for 1000 shares for Boston and another telegraph order for 200 shares for a Minneapolis party. In speaking of the eastern orders, he says the Boston people have a great appetite for copper stocks and with very good reason, since the copper mines of Michigan and Montana have paid \$86,150,000 in dividends to the citizens of the borough.

Miss Ida Kemmett, of Chicago, at the trimming room at Chadwick & Rhem's.

### Connecticut Militia Gets Orders.

South Walker, Conn., March 29.—Connecticut National Guard Brigadier General Russell Frost issued the following order yesterday. "Until further orders officers commanding organizations of the Connecticut National Guard will not absent themselves from their home stations for a period exceeding twenty-four hours at one time except by a regularly issued leave of absence."

### Returns of the Spanish Elections.

Madrid, March 29.—The latest election returns show that 192 Ministerialists, 46 Conservatives, 7 Romanists, 15 Republicans and 3 Carlists have been elected. Advances from Havana show that 4 Autonomists and 2 Conservatives have been returned.

### Minister Woodford Confers with Gullon.

Madrid, March 29.—United States Minister Woodford had an important conference last night with Senor Gullon, the foreign minister, and communicated to him an extract from the report of the American board of inquiry into the Maine disaster.

### All the Ships Painted War Color.

Key West, Fla., March 29.—By night fall yesterday all the ships in the harbor except the Cincinnati were painted a lead color from water line to smoke-stack top.

### American Securities Booming.

London, March 29.—On the streets yesterday American securities were booming, at one to three points higher.

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### WASH GOODS

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# HIS PURPOSE IS PEACE

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could throw light upon the great disaster was called to give his testimony. The story of the destruction of the vessel is told, not graphically, but in a manner which gives all the obtainable facts. No technical detail is omitted. Every movement and incident connected with the Maine from the time she left Key West until the last diver examined the wreck is given. Perhaps the most significant testimony is that showing the bottom plates on the port side of the ill-fated Maine to be bent inward and upward, a result that hardly could have followed anything save an explosion from the outside.

But the most sensational story was told by an unknown witness. His name was suppressed by agreement between him and the court. He had to talk through an interpreter. This witness was crossing about half past 7 o'clock on the morning of the 15th from Havana to Reglas on a ferryboat. He was sitting near three Spanish officers, two of the army, one of the navy a citizen. They were talking about the Maine. One of the army officers said: "That is nearly arranged." The citizen asked if making explosions in the bay would not endanger Havana. The officer said: "No." It was arranged so that it would simply explode, open the vessel and she would sink immediately. The other man justly exclaimed: "Oh, I will take plenty of beer on that occasion." Some one came by and they suddenly stopped the conversation. They had said it was a shame she [the Maine] should be in the bay and they would blow her up anyhow.

## SPANISH REPORT ON THE MAINE.

Full Synopsis of the Same—Antagonism of the American Report.

Washington, March 29.—A full synopsis of the report of the Spanish naval commission which investigated the destruction of the battleship Maine is here given by the Associated Press. It is taken from a copy of the original report which is now in the hands of the government. The synopsis being cabled in the meantime and yesterday placed in the hands of this government. The conclusions reached are directly opposite to those in the report of the court of inquiry submitted to congress yesterday. The synopsis is as follows: "The report contains declarations made by ocular witnesses and experts. From these statements it clearly deduces and proves the absence of all those attendant circumstances which are invariably present on the occasion of the explosion of a torpedo.

"The evidence of witnesses comparatively close to the Maine at the moment is to the effect that only one explosion occurred; that no column of water was thrown into the air; that no shock to the side of the nearest vessel was felt, nor on land was any vibration noticed, and that no dead fish were found. The evidence of the senior pilot of the harbor states that there is abundance of fish in the harbor, and this is corroborated by other witnesses. The assistant engineer of works states that after explosion made during the execution of works in the harbor he has always found dead fish.

"The divers were unable to examine the bottom of the Maine, which was buried in the mud, but a careful examination of the sides of the vessel, the rents and breaks in which all point outward, shows without a doubt that the explosion was from the inside. A minute examination of the bottom of the harbor around the vessel shows absolutely no sign of the action of a torpedo, and the fiscal (judge advocate) of the commission can find no precedent for the explosion of the storage magazines of a vessel by a torpedo.

"The report makes clear that owing to the special nature of the proceedings followed and the absolute respect shown for the extra-territoriality of the Maine, the commission has been prevented from making such an examination of the inside of the vessel as would determine even by hypothesis the internal origin of the accident. This is to be attributed to the regrettable refusal to permit the necessary co-operation of the Spanish commission both with the commander and crew of the Maine and the different American officials commissioned to investigate the causes of the accident, and later on with those employed in salvage work.

"The report finishes by stating that an examination of the inside and outside of the Maine as soon as such examination may be possible, as also of the bottom where the vessel rests, will prove that, supposing the remains [of the wreck] not to be totally or partially altered in the process of extraction, the explosion was undoubtedly due to some interior cause."

## CONGRESSMEN ARE FOR ACTION.

Not Inclined to Wait Any Longer Before Taking Decisive Measures.

Washington, March 29.—After adjournment of the house yesterday there was considerable discussion over a proposed consolidation of forces in the house who favor some form of immediate action on the Cuban issue. There was a strong feeling shown over the avoidance in the message of any outline of a definite administration policy, and a decided disposition was apparent not to await any further delay nor resort to temporizing measures. The project to furnish aid libitum relief supplies to the Cuban non-combatants is meeting with opposition to which members on both sides of the house have given voice in private discussion on the ground, first, that Spain alone is responsible for the condition on the island and, second, the extending of such large and probably continued aid abroad is unjust to the people of this country. The steps taken

yesterday on this line were of an informal nature. Representative Hull, of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, is leading the movement for prompt action.

A number of senators and representatives of both parties conferred with the president at the White House last night. It is said that the opinion expressed by most of those who talked with McKinley was that congress was inclined to object to further delay towards a settlement of the Spanish situation, and that unless the next message was more definite the radical members could not be held in check. At the meeting of the senate committee on foreign relations tomorrow Senator Frye will move that the committee remain in continuous session until the questions relating to the Maine, Cuba and Spain are settled. Foraker will introduce today a resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba.

Neither Speaker Reed, Dingley (the floor leader of the majority), nor Bailey (the Democratic leader of the house), would make any comment on the message. Other members, however, were not so reticent. Their comments ranged all the way from approval of the message out-and-out to entire disapproval of the fact that it did not propose war immediately, failing a complete back-down by Spain. Hopkins of Illinois favored intervention at once. Landis of Indiana was equally radical. Many of the men interviewed were non-committal. Democrats were inclined to criticize the message for its lack of announcement of a vigorous policy.

## OUR DEMANDS UPON SPAIN.

Now Declared to Have Been Very Positive—Spain's Reply Energetic.

London, March 29.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail gives a version of the negotiations between United States Minister Woodford and the Spanish cabinet last week differing somewhat from that given by The Standard's Madrid correspondent. He says: "The note which General Woodford presented on Wednesday was of a comminatory nature. It demanded that Spain put an end to the war in Cuba immediately, recapitulating the damage to American interests, and further hinting that the war was a danger to the public health of the United States, the continual smuggling between the coasts of Cuba and Florida being the means of conveying the yellow fever.

"Spain's reply was energetic. It declares that the war would have been ended long ago, but for the material and moral help and support the rebels were continually receiving from the United States. The Spanish note complains of the policy followed by the United States in demanding from Spain the termination of a war which the United States were virtually maintaining by the presence of a squadron in the neighborhood of Cuba, and by organizing support for the reconcentrados in a manner that would be offensive to any nation, as well as by keeping in Havana a consul who is publicly the agent and representative of the rebels. "Public opinion rejects all idea of yielding and apparently neither desires nor fears war with the United States. Yet Spain knows she is confronted with the most serious conflict she has had to face since the Napoleonic wars. There is an ominous absence of excitement among the people, whose one topic is the possibility of war. It is the calm before a storm, which will break when the American ultimatum comes."

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| Ex. Ex.     | Ex. Ex.     |             |
| Sun. Sun.   | Sun. Sun.   |             |
| 8:00 a. m.  | 11:20 a. m. | 6:45        |
| 8:15        | 11:41       | 6:57        |
| 8:25        | 11:51       | 7:07        |
| 8:42        | 12:08       | 7:24        |
| 8:51        | 12:15       | 7:33        |
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| 9:10        | 12:30       | 7:50        |
| 9:10        | 12:30       | 7:50        |

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# NAVAL COURT REPORT.

## Responsibility for Wreck of the Maine Not Placed.

### DESTROYED BY SUBMARINE MINE.

President McKinley Sends the Report to Congress Accompanied by a Message and Directs That the Conclusions of the Court of Inquiry Be Sent to the Queen Regent of Spain—Text of the Report—Testimony of Important Witnesses.

To the Congress of the United States: For some time prior to the visit of the Maine to Havana harbor our consular representatives pointed out the advantages to flow from the visit of national ships to the Cuban waters, in accustoming the people to the presence of our flag as the symbol of good will and of our ships in the fulfillment of the mission of protection to American interests, even though no immediate need therefore might exist.

Accordingly on the 24th of January last, after conference with the Spanish minister, in which the renewal of visits of our war vessels to Spanish waters was discussed and accepted, the peninsular authorities at Madrid and Havana were advised of the purpose of this government to resume friendly naval visits at Cuban ports and that in that view the Maine would forthwith call at the port of Havana. This announcement was received by the Spanish government with appreciation of the friendly character of the visit of the Maine and with the notification of intention to return the courtesy by sending Spanish ships to the principal ports of the United States.

Maine Enters Havana Harbor. Meanwhile the Maine entered the port of Havana on the 25th of January, her arrival being marked with no special incident besides the exchange of customary salutes and ceremonial visits. The Maine continued in the harbor of Havana during the three weeks following her arrival. No appreciable excitement attended her stay; on the contrary, a feeling of relief and confidence followed the resumption of the long interrupted friendly intercourse. So noticeable was this immediate effect of her visit that the consul general strongly urged that the presence of our ships in Cuban waters should be kept up by retaining the Maine at Havana, or in the event of her recall, by sending another vessel to take her place. At forty minutes past 9 in the evening of the 15th of February the Maine was destroyed by an explosion, by which the entire forward part of the ship was utterly wrecked. In this catastrophe two officers and 260 of her crew perished, those who were not killed outright by her explosion being panned between decks by the tangle of wreckage and drowned by the immediate sinking of the hull.

Prompt assistance was rendered by the neighboring vessels anchored in the harbor, aid being especially given by the boats of the Spanish cruiser Alphonso XII and the Ward line steamer City of Washington, which lay not far distant. The wounded were generously cared for by the authorities of Havana, the hospitals being freely opened to them, while the earliest recovered bodies of the dead were interred by the municipality in a public cemetery in the city. Tributes of grief and sympathy were offered from all official quarters of the island.

The appalling calamity fell upon the people of our country with crushing force and for a brief time an intense excitement prevailed, which in a community less just and self-controlled than ours, might have led to hasty acts of blind resentment. This spirit, however, soon gave way to the calmer processes of reason and to the resolve to investigate the facts and await the material proof before forming a judgment as to the cause, the responsibility, and if the facts warranted, the remedy due.

#### Court of Inquiry Organized.

This course necessarily recommended itself from the outset to the executive, for only in the light of a dispassionate, ascertained certainty could it determine the nature and measure of its full duty in the matter. The usual procedure was followed, as in all cases of casualty or disaster to national vessels of any maritime state. A naval court of inquiry was at once organized, composed of officers well qualified by rank and practical experience to discharge the onerous duty imposed upon them. Aided by a strong force of wreckers and divers the court proceeded to make a thorough investigation on the spot, employing every available means for the impartial and exact determination of the causes of the explosion. Its operations have been conducted with the utmost deliberation and judgment, and while independently pursued, no source of information was neglected and the fullest opportunity was allowed for a simultaneous investigation by the Spanish authorities.

#### Findings of the Court.

The finding of the court of inquiry was reached after twenty-three days of continuous labor, on the 21st of March, and having been approved on the 23d by the commander-in-chief of the United States naval force on the north Atlantic station, was transmitted to the executive.

It is herewith laid before the congress, together with the voluminous testimony taken before the court. Its purport is, in brief, as follows:

When the Maine arrived at Havana she was conducted by the regular government pilot to buoy No. 4, to which

she was moored in from five and one-half to six fathoms of water. The state of discipline on board and the condition of her magazines, boilers, coal bunkers and storage compartments were passed in review, with the conclusion that excellent order prevailed and that no indication of any cause for an internal explosion existed in any quarter.

At 8 o'clock in the evening of Feb. 15 everything had been reported secure and all was quiet. At forty minutes past 9 o'clock the vessel was suddenly destroyed.

#### Two Distinct Explosions.

There were two distinct explosions, with a brief interval between them. The first lifted the forward part of the ship very perceptibly; the second, which was more prolonged, is attributed by the court to the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines. The evidence of the divers establishes that the after part of the ship was practically intact, and sank in that condition a very few minutes after the explosion. The forward part was completely demolished.

Upon the evidence of concurrent external cause the finding of the court is as follows:

"At frame 17 the outer shell of the ship, from a point eleven and one-half feet from the middle line of the ship and six feet above the keel when in its normal position, has been forced up so as to be now four feet above the surface of the water; therefore, about thirty-four feet above where it would be had the ship sunk uninjured."

#### Outside Bottom Plating Bent.

"The outside bottom plating is bent into a reversed V shape, the after

wing of which, about fifteen feet broad and thirty-two feet in length (from frame 17 to frame 25) is doubled back upon itself against the continuation of the same plating extending forward.

"At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two and bent into an angle singular to the angle formed for the outside plates. This break is about six feet below the surface of the water and about thirty feet above its normal position.

"In the opinion of the court this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship, at about frame 18 and somewhat on the port side of the ship."

#### Conclusions of the Court.

The conclusions of the court are: That the loss of the Maine was not in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any of the officers or members of her crew.

That the ship was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines; and, That no evidence has been obtainable fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

I have directed that the finding of the court of inquiry and the views of this government thereon be communicated to the government of her majesty, the queen, and I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two governments.

It was the duty of the executive to advise the congress of the result, and in the meantime deliberate consideration is invoked.

WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

#### TEXT OF THE REPORT.

#### Findings and Conclusions of the Naval Board of Inquiry.

The following is the full text of the report of the court of inquiry: U. S. S. Iowa, First Rate.—Key West, Fla., Monday, March 21, 1898.—After full and mature consideration of all the testimony before it, the court finds as follows:

1. That the United States battleship Maine arrived in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, on the 25th day of January, 1898, and was taken to buoy No. 4, in from five and a half to six fathoms of water,

upon itself against the continuation of the same plating extending forward.

At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two, and the flat keel bent into an angle singular to the angle formed by the outside bottom plating. This break

is now about six feet below the surface of the water and about thirty feet above its normal position. In the opinion of the court this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship at about frame 18, and somewhat on the port side of the ship.

6. The court finds that the loss of the Maine, on the occasion named, was not in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any of the officers or members of the crew of said vessel.

7. In the opinion of the court the Maine was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines.

8. The court has been unable to obtain evidence fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons. The court, having finished the inquiry it was ordered to make, adjourned at 11 a. m. to await the action of the convening authority.

W. T. SAMPSON, Captain U. S. N., President.

A. MARIX, Lieut. Com. U. S. N., Judge Advocate.

U. S. Flagship, New York, March 22, 1898, off Key West, Fla.—The proceedings and findings of the court of inquiry in the above case are approved.

Attest: Rear Admiral, Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Naval force on the North Atlantic Station.

#### SOME OF THE TESTIMONY

#### Upon Which the Naval Board of Inquiry Reached Conclusions.

The following are portions of the testimony:

Ensign W. V. N. Powelson was called the third day of the court. He testified that he had been present on the Maine every day from the arrival of the boat Fern and during a great deal of the diving.

In reply to a question to tell the court all about the condition of the wreck, he said the forward part of the ship forward of the after smokestack had been to all appearances completely destroyed. The conning tower lay in a position opposite the door leading to the superstructure aft and to starboard, inclined at about 110 degrees to the vertical with the top of the conning tower in board. Continuing, he described with close detail the condition under the main deck on the port side. The fixtures were completely wrecked, while fixtures in the same position on the starboard side were in some cases almost intact. The port bulkhead between the main and berth decks at the conning tower support had been blown off on both sides, but a great deal more on the port than on the starboard side. The fire room hatch immediately abaft of the conning tower had been blown in three directions—aft, to starboard, and to port. The protective deck under the conning tower supports was bent in two directions, the plates on the starboard side being bent up and on the starboard side bent down.

Reared up to the starboard, reply to an inquiry as to whether

he meant with reference to their original positions Ensign Powelson replied affirmatively, "Yes, supposing the protective deck a few inches above the armored tube to port of the midship line was bent up to starboard of the midship line. Just forward of the conning tower, underneath the main deck two beams met at right angles, one beam was broken and pushed from port to starboard. A grating was found on the poop awning, just forward of the after searchlight.

A piece of the side plating, just abaft of the starboard turret, was visible. This plate was bent upward and then forward and bent upward and folded backward upon itself. This plate was sheared from the rest of the plating below the water line. This plating below the water line has been pushed out to starboard."

The armored gratings of the engine room hatch were blown off. A composition strainer was picked up from the

bottom on the starboard quarter at a point about opposite the poop capstan and about seventy feet from it. The chief engineer thought the strainer was from the firemen's wash room. It was not a strainer in the ship's side.

Near the piece of outside plating to which witness referred above, he said there were pieces of red, shelled planks. On these planks was bolted a composition track two inches wide and an inch thick.

The Starboard Turret. Ensign Powelson then said that a 6-inch powder tank that he saw appeared to be an empty tank broken by the explosion, as it was not badly dented and merely ripped the length of the seam. A 10-inch tank was badly battered out of any conceivable shape. Continuing, witness said the divers up to the night before he was then on the stand had not been on the outside of the ship. The mud was too deep for them to walk on the bottom. "What is the condition of the starboard turret?" witness was asked.

"To my knowledge it was not found, sir," was the reply.

He understood something had been found under the place where the turret formerly was, but its exact character had not been determined.

"What impression is produced upon your mind by the reports as far as you have quoted them?" Ensign Powelson was asked.

"From reports alone, or from the appearance of the wreck?"

"Either from such reports or the conditions which you believe exist."

"The impression produced upon me," replied the witness, "is that an explosion took place west of the port of the midship line and at a point in the length about opposite the conning tower."

No Weight to Morgan's Statement. Witness, in reply to further questions, said his opinion was based upon the observation of things above water. He gave no weight to Mr. Morgan's statement about falling into a hole on the port side because Morgan might have been mistaken about it. Referring to his notes made of things on the Maine, Ensign Powelson said that the arc of the engine room telegraph and the shaft of the steering gear coming down through the armored tube (turret) was bent from port to starboard. The port side of the protected deck was covered with a greasy deposit, the starboard side being comparatively free from it.

The forward smoke pipe, between the main and superstructure decks, did not show signs of the internal pressure of gases. On the main deck, forward of the conning tower, where the fore and after angle bulb beam was located, the plating was blown off on the only remaining plate of the main deck on the port side, while the wood was still attached to that part on the starboard side, between the conning tower base and turrets. What witness saw would indicate that the pressure lifted the protective deck up on the port side, and the protective deck on the starboard side, and the protective deck on the starboard side held fast and bent that deck downward. Witness here exhibited two sketches to the court showing diagram of various parts of the sunken ship and explained them to the court.

Could See the Plate. The witness' evidence about the strip on the starboard side of the outside plating of the ship which was folded and rolled back was recalled to him, and Powelson said he could see plate underneath it was bent outward, as it was only two feet under water where the shear occurred.

Witness had taken soundings and had found five fathoms of water on both sides of the Maine down to the mud. Taking a 14-pound lead line and dragging with a wherry for obstructions on the port side, dragging close to where he thought the water ways would be found, he found no obstructions what-so-ever. On the starboard side he found obstructions for twenty feet where he had reason to believe that the waterways had originally been.

In answer to questions he said there was nothing left of the port plating at all. He dragged along the outside to see if anything had fallen out and found nothing. Witness thought the ship on the port side was entirely gone opposite points indicated on a diagram handed the court. It was entirely blown out.

This concluded Ensign Powelson's testimony on the third day.

Captain Sigbee's Testimony. Captain Sigbee in testifying before the court of inquiry, which convened in the harbor of Havana Monday, Feb. 22, said that he assumed command of the Maine on April 10, 1897, and that his ship arrived in the harbor of Havana the last time Jan. 21, 1898. The authorities at Havana knew of the Maine's coming, Consul General Lee having informed the authorities according to official custom. After he took on an official pilot, sent by the captain of the port of Havana, the ship was berthed in the man-of-war anchorage off the Machina, or the Shears, and according to his understanding was one of the regular buoys of the place. He then stated that he had been in Havana in 1872 and again in 1898.

He could not state whether the Maine was placed in the usual berth for man-of-war, but said that he had heard remarks since the explosion, using Captain Stevens, temporarily in command of the Ward line steamer City of Washington as authority, for the statement that he had never known in all his experience, which covered visits to Havana for five or six years, a man-of-war to be anchored at that buoy; that he had rarely known merchant vessels to be anchored there and that it was the least used buoy in the harbor.

Surroundings of the Maine. In describing the surroundings when first moored to this buoy Captain Sigbee stated that the Spanish man-of-war Alphonso XII was moored in position now occupied by the Fern, about 250 yards to the northward and westward of the Maine. The German ship Griesenau was anchored at the berth now occupied by the Spanish man-of-war Legaspe, which is about 400 yards away due north from the Maine. He then located the German man-of-war Charlotte, which came into the harbor a day or two later, which was anchored to the southward of the Maine's berth, about 400 or 500 yards.

In describing the surroundings at the time of the explosion, Captain Sigbee stated that the night was calm and still. The Alphonso XII was at the same berth. The small Spanish dispatch boat Legaspe had come out the day

before and taken the berth occupied by the German man-of-war, the Griesenau, which had left. The steamer City of Washington was anchored about 200 yards to the south and east of the Maine's stern, slightly on the port quarter.

He had no recollection of any work going on in the magazine or shell rooms on the day of the explosion. The keys were called for in the usual way on the day in question and were properly returned. At the time of the disaster the two after boilers in the after fire room were in use because the hydraulic system was somewhat leaking.

Testimony of General Lee. Consul General Fitzhugh Lee appeared before the court on March 8. His testimony related to the official formalities preceding the Maine's arrival. On Jan. 24 he received a message from the state department saying that the Maine would be sent to Havana on a friendly visit to resume the regular status of naval relations between the two countries, and he was ordered to make arrangements at the palace for the interchange of official courtesies. After a call at the palace he sent the state department a cipher, saying:

"Authorities profess to think the United States has ulterior purpose in sending the ship. Say it will obstruct autonomy and produce excitement and most probably a demonstration. Ask that it not be done till they can get instructions from Madrid. Say that if for friendly purpose, as claimed, delay is unimportant."

It was too late, however, the Maine had already sailed. She arrived next day and Lee reported her arrival to the state department.

Wainwright's Testimony. Lieutenant Commander Richard Wainwright testified that the regulations in regard to paints and inflammables and all other precautions were strictly carried out on board ship. Every possible care was taken to avoid accident. All visitors were scrutinized before being allowed to come on board the ship. Nobody was allowed to accompany. Special lookouts were required at night. No unauthorized boats were allowed to approach the ship.

There was fine discipline, obedient crew, quiet men. He was in the captain's office at the time of the explosion; felt a very heavy shock, and heard noise of falling objects on deck. Thought the ship was being fired upon. Was told by the captain to see the boats were lowered. He saw few men coming, mostly officers. He saw no reason to flood the magazines because water was coming up. He saw fire forward. Boats began to crowd around the wreck.

He induced boats to take the wounded to different vessels. He ordered a list taken of the saved and wounded. There was excellent discipline after the explosion. Orders were followed with promptness of a drill. The only order not obeyed was the one to leave ship.

He first examined the wreck at daylight the following morning. He took a gig, with Lieutenant Hood and a few men, and attempted to board the wreck. He was warned off by an armed boat's crew of Spaniards and then pulled around the wreck. There were still some burning fragments.

Testimony of Chief Gunner's Mate. Chief Gunner's Mate Olsen of the U. S. S. Iowa, told how he had been sent to Havana for the purpose of doing diving duty on the wreck. He had descended four times, making about eight or nine hours of total examination. Olsen told how on his first descent he went over the forward part of the ship. To use his own expression, he said: "I found the wreck all blown up. I found a lot of grate bars down further forward and there were a lot of 10-inch shells. Forward of these the plates were bent inboard over them."

Asked if he imagined himself looking forward he stated that he did. Going over the plates he struck into a lot of 6-inch shells with the slings on them. Going to the right witness stated he found a lot of wreckage. It seemed to have been blown over the starboard. Olsen stated that he put his hand into the cranks and brought out several 6-pounder shells.

The next time he went down, Olsen testified, he went outside the ship, forward of the crane on the port side, followed the hotel along and found that the ship's side was blown outboard and alongside the crane it could be walked on.

"At the part where she is blown up completely," witness said, "part of her bottom plates are turned up. Then you follow the bottom from there up and the plates are blown outboard. At the top and underneath the bottom they are blown inboard and bent in. About three feet forward of that spot there is a piece of iron laid along the bulkhead. The skin of the inside of the double bottoms is curled like a sheet of paper inboard from stem to stern."

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## SOCIETY AND PERSONAL

—C. L. Young is in Chicago today.  
—Miss Belle Middleton is in Chicago.  
—Prosecuting Attorney Valentine is in Niles.

—J. Keavy, of the Big Four, is out of town on business.

—Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Gore returned from Chicago last night.

—C. L. Brown of Chicago, who has been visiting friends, has returned to his home.

—Miss Addie Moulton, first grade teacher of Berrien Springs is home for her vacation.

—John Gibbons, engineer on the Big Four, who has been ill with the gout, is again on duty.

—Miss Mericle, teacher of oratory at the college, was called to her home in New York by the death of her grandmother.

—Mrs. H. Tonneller, who has been sojourning in the south for some time, was taken ill at Memphis, Tenn., and arrived at her mother's home in this city last night.

—The Misses Weatherwax, of St. Joseph, Miss Mabel Geer and Lambert Niemeyer left over the C. & W. M. this morning for the C. E. state convention at Saginaw.

—Miss May Fitzgerald, teacher in the Grand Rapids schools, and Miss Elizabeth Harger, teacher in the Pontiac schools, are visiting Miss Harger's sister, Miss Lena Harger, of the Central school.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Monger, accompanied by Harry Wright of the Vandalla line, will leave Friday for a week's visit at Terre Haute, Indiana, where they will be joined by Mr. Wright's wife, who has been spending the winter at her old home in Alabama.

—George A. Ward, for three years traveling freight agent of the Michigan division of the Big Four, with headquarters at Benton Harbor, will soon be transferred to Detroit as commercial agent of the same company. Mr. Ward is being congratulated on his promotion.

The Bay View Circle met with their president, L. G. Smith, last night. After the program, which was long but interesting, the circle discussed the constitution proposed for the Twin City Federation but reserved final action till next week. The next meeting will be held with Miss Barber and the following Rhine program is announced: Roll call, Quotations about the Rhine; lesson study, the Rhine region; reading, Longfellow's Hyperion; recitation, "Die Wacht am Rhine;" paper, the river Rhine.

The Home Forum, No. 389, will have a maple sugar social at the home of Lew Woodley, Highland avenue, tomorrow night. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Julia L. Plimpton, Empire avenue, is entertaining Angelo Patricolo, the great pianist, during his stay in the city.

Mrs. Rathbun's circle will meet at her home, 131 Pearl street, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A good attendance is wished to be present.

Miss Emma Johnston very pleasantly entertained a company of friends at her home on Brunson avenue last night. The event was styled an Onion party as the guests partook of refreshments of bread and butter and unions.

Holy Trinity, branch of the Woman's auxiliary to the board of missions will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. Allen, 228 Britain avenue.

The many friends of Mrs. C. R. Hutchinson in this city will be pleased to note her social success at Hudson, where she is visiting. She directed a Spinsters' convention in that place for the ladies of the Congregational church and the Hudson Gazette had the following notice: "Hudson ladies are quick to recognize and reward meritorious assistance. Mrs. C. R. Hutchinson, who is a tireless worker and excellent organizer, received from them a beautiful silk umbrella having a mosaic work handle. This was in appreciation of her services in the successful rendition of 'The Spinsters' Convention,' given the 17th inst."

The Ossoli will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. W. Hamilton, Empire avenue.

The dance given in Conkey's hall last night by Fred H. Null was well attended and an enjoyable time is reported by those who attended.

There will be a meeting of the Uniform Rank, K. of P. in Conkey's hall this evening.

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The Maudlin club was very pleasantly entertained last night by Mrs. W. Worth Bean.

Stephen Devoe and George Veussett left last night for Chicago where they propose to join the volunteer navy reserve.

A telegram was received last night from Bangor by the chief of police to look out for Fred Charland, a runaway boy.

The A. B. Morse Printing company is crowded with orders and Mr. Morse has purchased a new two revolution press which will be shipped from New Jersey tomorrow and is expected to arrive here next week.

Moulton's hardware store is being freshly painted and otherwise brightened up.

In police court Saturday two drunks were sent to the county jail for twenty days each.

August Hame, a German, living on the beach, made complaint Friday night at the police station against Fred Hardenbaugh for assault on his five year old boy.

Martin Dunn was brought in Friday night by Officer Russell, charged with having stolen property in his possession. No proof of its being stolen was found and the prisoner was discharged.

The Leading Citizen of the Yukon.

In The Century Mr. John Sidney Webb has an article on "The River Trip to the Klondike." Mr. Webb says: The "Father of the Country," and a very worthy one to bear that name, is known throughout the length and breadth of the mining district as Jack McQuesten, although his name happens to be Leroy Napoleon. McQuesten has been there for over 25 years, engaged in trading with the Indians for furs and keeping a store either for himself or for the Alaska Commercial company, and as such he has come in contact with almost every man who has been in that country. He has probably supported, outfitted and grub staked more men and kept them through the long cold winters when they were down on their luck and unable to obtain supplies or help from any one else than any person knows except himself and the company. Hundreds of men today own rich claims and are reckoning up their thousands, when, if it had not been for a credit given them and goods allowed them by Jack McQuesten they would still be toiling amid the mosquitoes for a living. He has done all this from kindness of heart, without any selfish motive whatever, for if he had been exacting or had demanded even the share which he would have been entitled to on a grub stake agreement he would probably be today one of the richest men in that country, which means a very rich man in any country.

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